



October 23, 2013

Mr. Jason Smathers
MuckRock News
PO Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Smathers:

We are further responding to your October 18, 2013 request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which was received via e-mail by Amtrak's FOIA Office on the same date.

Your request seeks a copy of all congressional communications in September and October 2013 referencing the possibility of a government shutdown or the actual shutdown occurring from October 1-16, 2013. You have also requested that we include records between 09/01/2013 and 10/31/2013.

A search was conducted and there were no records located that were responsive to your request. As information, Amtrak was open during the government shutdown.

Pursuant to Amtrak's FOIA regulations (49 CFR 701.10), if you wish to appeal Amtrak's "no records" response, you may file an appeal with Eleanor D. Acheson, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, within thirty days of the date of this letter, specifying the relevant facts and the basis for your appeal. Your appeal may be sent to Ms. Acheson at the above address. The President and CEO of Amtrak have delegated authority to the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the rules and compliance to the FOIA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharron Hawkins", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharron Hawkins
FOIA Officer

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